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Timely Tidbits ...

Flea Market Planned

The Romulus Historical Society's second annual Flea Market will be held at Historic Park (Hunt Street south of the post office in downtown Romulus) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 25. For vendor information, contact Gloria Chandler: 734-941-2678.

"K-16" Rally Set

The K-16 Coalition for Michigan's Future is planning a rally in support of Senate Bill 246 and House Bill 4582, which would increase the State's annual education funding by the rate of inflation or 5%, whichever is less.

Residents are encouraged to meet at Romulus High School (9650 Wayne Road, north of I-94) no later than 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 21, to form car pools for the trip to the Lansing rally site. (Estimated time of return: 5 p.m.) Participants should bring a sack lunch.

For more info, call Romulus Community Schools spokesman Dick Kruse: 734-532-1626.

Goodfellows Benefit

Bill Raeck and Lance Knudson, co-owners of Wild Willy's Chill & Grill, will host their annual Charity Beef Roast for the Romulus Goodfellows on Saturday, June 25. They hope that excellent community support will increase last year's total donation of more than \$3,000.

Wild Willy's is located at 6221 Middlebelt, south of Van Born. Call 734-722-5560 for more info.

Ballot Petitions Due

City Clerk Linda Choate is reminding Romulus residents who plan to run for mayor, clerk, treasurer, or city council this November that they must file their candidacy petitions with her office no later than Tuesday, June 21.

Candidates' petitions must contain no fewer than 100 certifiable signatures, and no more than 200 signatures altogether.

Candidates are urged to collect a comfortable margin over the 100-signature minimum to ensure that at least 100 are certifiable. □

Romulus Home Invasion Leads to Homicide

A 35-year-old Inkster man died on Friday, June 10, after allegedly breaking into a home on the 15000 block of Oakbrook in Romulus. The homeowner, who was in the house at the time, shot the Inkster man, who ran from the house and died a short distance away.

Detective Sergeant Dennis Felice, the officer in charge of the investigation, reported that Romulus police officers

responded to the "home invasion: man with a gun" call at approximately 12:30 a.m. The dead man, whose identity is being withheld pending positive identification and notification of next-of-kin, was armed with a loaded 9mm automatic pistol.

The possibility that there was an accomplice in the break-in is still being investigated.

According to Felice, the Romulus homeowner has cooperated with police, and initial evidence appears to bear out his statement. He is not being held in custody.

The results of the police investigation will be forwarded to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office to see if charges against the homeowner are warranted. □

Brown and Bennett Are RHS Valedictorians

Romulus High School's Class of 2005 celebrated its commencement on Saturday, June 11, in the RHS Field House. Principal Dan Hurst welcomed students and the large crowd of enthusiastic supporters who attended the 10 a.m. ceremony.

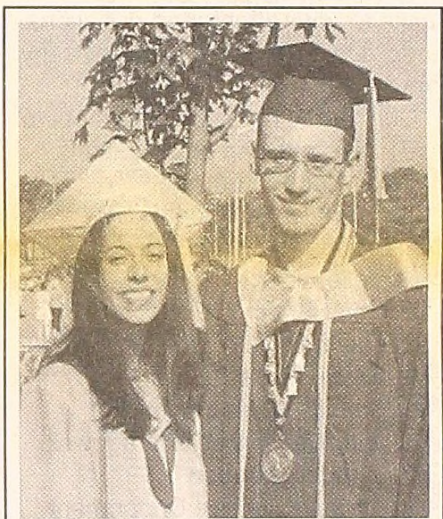
Hurst expressed considerable pride in the current crop of graduates, whose impressive achievements in the areas of academics, fine arts, athletics, and community service have resulted in offers of approximately \$1.1 million in scholarships to date. Among those who led the class in both awards and scholarships were co-valedictorians Ronald Brown and Jazmine Bennett.

Brown – who plans to study secondary education, with a specialization in mathematics, at Wayne State Univer-

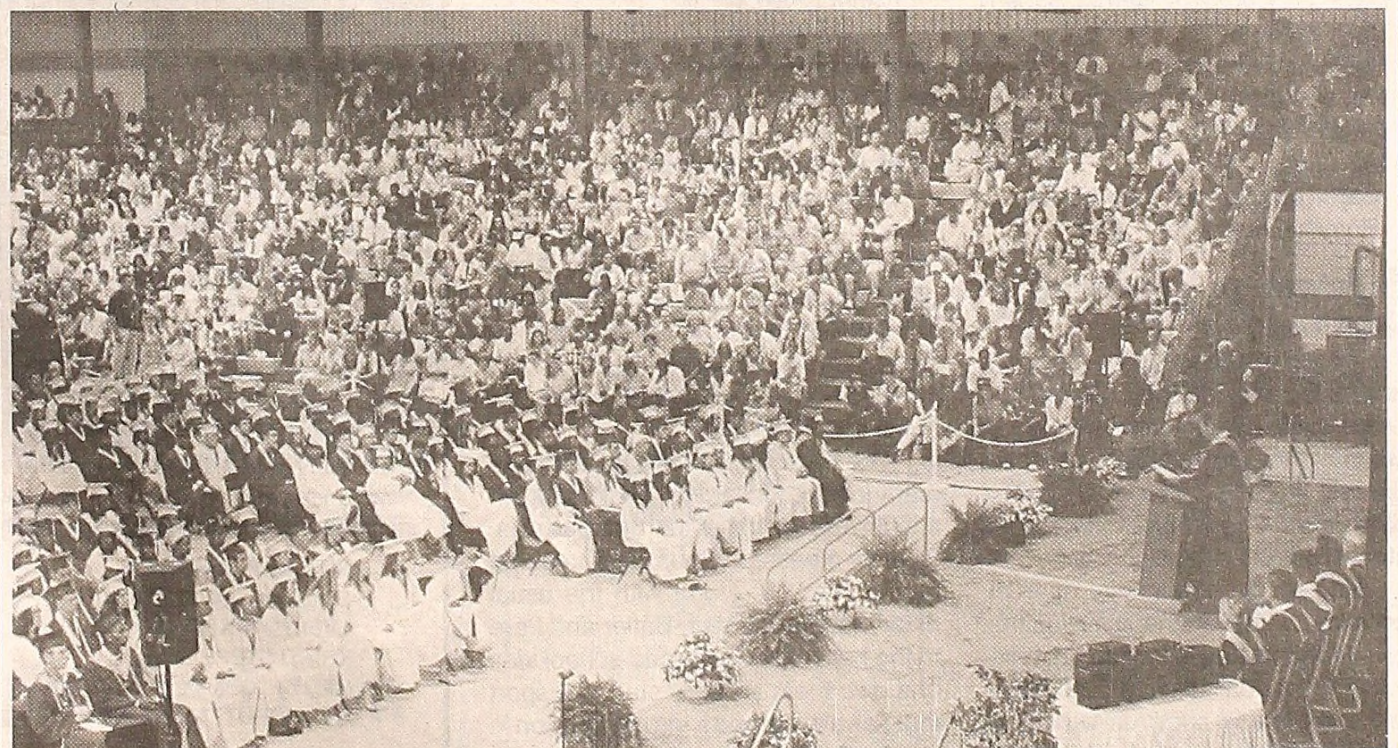
sity – maintained a class-best grade point average of 4.0976. He was active in both academic and extracurricular programs throughout his high-school career. In addition to being a member of the Student Council and National Honor Society, he was a cornetist in the Symphonic Band and had several years in the starting lineups for the Eagles' baseball and golf teams. Brown additionally received "outstanding student" awards from the math, science, and physical education departments at Romulus High School, and was also honored as the school's U.S. Army Scholar Athlete (male) at the annual RHS Senior Awards Night program.

Besides a \$24,000/four-year Presidential Scholarship that he accepted

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Valedictorians for the RHS Class of 2005 are Jazmine Bennett and Ronald Brown.



Principal Daniel Hurst welcomed a packed house to the commencement ceremony for Romulus High School's Class of 2005.

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor MUST contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request only in exceptional cases where, in our opinion, there is a legitimate reason to do so. All letters requesting anonymity will be treated confidentially, regardless of whether or not they are published in the paper.

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

Head Start Says Thanks

TO the Editor:

On behalf of the staff and students at Romulus Head Start, I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to all the community members who helped us make our recent Safety Week program a *great* success. Thanks to your efforts and donations, many children will have a safe and happy summer.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to these individuals and organizations:

- Mayor Alan R. Lambert
- City Clerk Linda Choate
- Councilman and Mrs. Charles Miller
- Ms. Julie Albert
- Mr. Ron Hunter
- Ms. Dawn Malloy
- Ms. Joann Moss
- Ms. Jennifer Nieman
- Mr. and Mrs. James Sparagowski
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- Dave's & Company Barber Shop & Hair Salon
- Romulus Hardware
- Vinny's Italian Submarines
- Wings Federal Credit Union

Sincerely,
Carolyn O'Bannon, site leader
Romulus Head Start

Fellowship Appreciated

TO the Editor:

I would like to give my personal thanks to Pastor Steve Adams and members of the Romulus Wesleyan Church for their fellowship program held the weekend of June 10-12, 2005. The 150th anniversary celebration was both historically and spiritually uplifting.

Many in the community appreciated and enjoyed all the activities that they hosted during "Sonfest" – roller hockey, basketball, games ... and, yes, even bingo. The car show/drive-in movie held Friday night brought back many of my own fond family memories.

Local families facing hard economic times can still have a fun-filled day because the Romulus Wesleyan Church cares about our community. I've seen, firsthand, that kindness goes beyond the church walls.

May "the little white church at Five Points" continue to grow and blossom. May it enrich our community, spiritually and historically, for another 150 years.

Sincerely,
Councilwoman Debbie Romak
City of Romulus

Wrestling Club Update

The Romulus Wrestling Club concluded its second season on Friday, May 20. Our team had a truly outstanding year, wrestling in three different leagues and achieving impressive finishes in each.

In the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) finals, our team members posted the following finishes:

- Mario Aquilar – first place, Elite Division
- Patrick Burgess – second place, Cadet Division
- Ben Camilleri – third place, Schoolboy Division
- Tiffany Conradson – second place, Cadet Division
- Candido Cosme – first place, Cadet Division
- Marissa Cronk – third place, Cadet Division
- Brian Householder – first place, Cadet Division
- Shawn Salisbury – third place, Novice Division
- Mike Stump – fourth place, Elite Division
- Dominique Walker – second place, Cadet Division

In the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association (MYWA) finals, Dominique Walker finished third overall. He also won the Mega League Red Division's middle-school championship.

Although our club took part in USA wrestling competitions this year, none of our members went to the state championships. We did, however, win or place in a number of tournaments, including the yearly Stockbridge High School Greco-Roman tournament, where we had two champions.

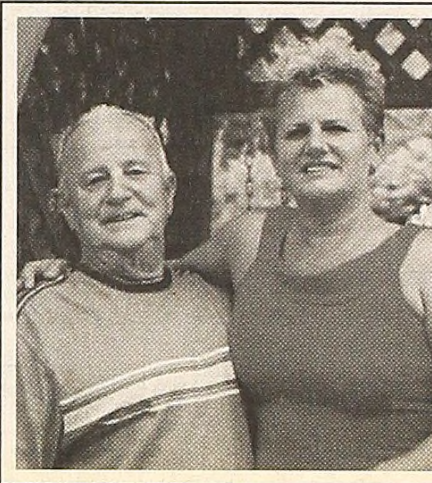
The Romulus Wrestling Club is already looking forward to next year, which should be even better than this one was. Regular meetings will probably resume on October 15. Along with the usual older students, Coach Butler and I are trying hard to recruit grade-school kids and give them an early start in a sport that has always had a strong tradition in Romulus.

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Happy Father's Day to My Dad and All Dads in Our Community

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Debbie Romak
Romulus City Council



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Friends to Elect Debbie Romak for Mayor cordially invite you to Michael B's for a night of **BOWLING FUN** on Saturday, July 23, at 10 p.m. (please check www.ROMAK2005.com for details and tickets).

Headquarters will be open just as soon as we receive our Certificate of Occupancy from the City of Romulus!

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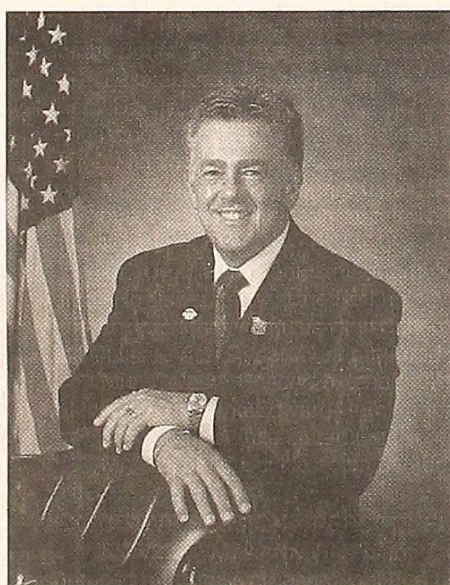
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Guest Commentary

Congratulations, Class of 2005!

By Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the members of the Class of 2005 on their recent graduation. It has been an honor to watch many of you grow up before my eyes, and I am proud to say that I am your mayor. You have carried yourselves with the utmost respect for those around you, and have been an example to those who will follow in your footsteps next year. I would also like to give the graduates a few words of advice for the future, if I may.

This is the greatest time of your life. Everything is new; you are about to go on a journey that you could never have dreamed of four short years ago, when you began high school. The entire world is now yours to explore and understand, but make no mistake: the lessons and values you learned in Romulus will stay with you forever, no matter where your road may take you.

Many of you will be heading off to college in the fall, some of you will be attending trade schools, and others will dive right into the workforce, but I want all of you to do something that is one of the most important things you will ever do in your life. Go for your dreams. No matter what your dream may be, or how unattainable it may seem, go for it! About 30 years ago, I dreamed of being the Mayor of Romulus. Through hard work and dedication, I was able to make that dream a reality.

The world is at your fingertips, so take advantage of every opportunity you are given. Be open to new things and new people, and (most importantly) be involved – not just in your family and friends, but in your community, as well.

As adults, you have the obligation to be informed about what is going on in your city, whether it be Romulus or elsewhere. Your elected officials are

there to serve the best interests of the community; hold them accountable by being informed and educated on the issues that will affect you.

One of the greatest things about graduating from high school is that you finally have the chance to decide who will represent you in government at the local, state, and federal level, because many of you now have the right to vote. Please take advantage of this right and get involved in the upcoming elections in November. Remember to register to vote; it only takes five minutes, and I promise you it is painless. You can make a difference. You can "Rock the Vote!"

As many of you know, I have an open-door policy, and I would be honored if you would take the time to stop by my office at City Hall just to say hi, or to talk about any issue that you may have questions or concerns about. I have no doubt that the Class of 2005 will be involved in this community for years to come, and it is something I look forward to seeing.

Congratulations again on a job well done. I wish all of you only the best for the future, wherever your dreams may take you. Just remember: you will always have a home here in Romulus.

For more information on registering to vote, please contact my office at 734-942-7500.

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Editor's note: The "Guest Commentary" column is open to all responsible individuals and spokespersons who would like to share their views about issues of interest to the people who live and work in Romulus.

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A number of other communities have achieved great success through similar recruitment programs.

Membership in the Romulus Wrestling Club is free. Coach Butler and I donate our time to the group. Interested parents are always welcome to attend our meetings.

The club is also looking for one or more additional assistants to help with coaching. Anyone who is interested in such a position, or who has questions about the Romulus Wrestling Club, may contact me at 734-942-6965.

Jeff Kelsey, coach

Romulus Wrestling Club

Lambert Answers Critics

To the Editor:

Each political campaign year, supporters for different candidates invariably try to make their side look better than the other one. What they should not do is stretch the truth beyond all recognition, as was done in the letters to the editor in your last edition.

As your mayor, it is not always in the community's best interest to respond to political rhetoric, but some false statements in letters sent to your publication must be addressed. Quite frankly, I owe it to our community to point out the facts.

One of your readers stated that I have attacked the character of my opponent. That is simply not true; I haven't said anything about my opponent. I fully intend to run my re-election campaign based on the extensive accomplishments of my administration over the last three and a half years. You have read my guest commentaries in this paper. They are positive and upbeat, because there is a lot to be positive and upbeat about. Let me take this opportunity to encourage all my supporters and campaign workers to join me in keeping this campaign on the positive track we have set for ourselves. My record stands on proven leadership, integrity, and vision for our community.

I stand on my credentials, as well. I have served as a Romulus police officer, a member of the City Council, and a member of the Board of Education. Yet, my background was questioned in a letter to the editor. My certificate from the Detroit Police Academy is on file with the City of Romulus. In fact, everyone hired as a Romulus police officer since the department was established in 1981 has, *in accordance with state law*, received police academy training. During my police career in Romulus, I took several other courses and training classes, and received certificates from them, as well. Since becoming mayor, I have continued my education by taking college business and finance courses to help me do my job better. I have copies of my certificates in my office, should anyone wish to view them.

A letter stated that I was only a patrolman in the police department. That is an insult to each and every patrol officer who risks his or her life every day to protect our community. The work of a patrol officer is often demanding and dangerous. And, in November of 2001, the people of Romulus promoted me when they elected me mayor. The mayor is, after all, the chief law-enforcement officer of the community.

One of your readers, a former contractual employee of the city who now lives in Florida, thinks nothing is happening here. One needs only to look around to see the vast improvements in our community. The City of Romulus has become a leader in southeastern Michigan in bringing new jobs and development to our area. Our surrounding communities are not "flourishing" more than us, they are flourishing with us. In many cases, Romulus is doing much better than surrounding communities, and we are proud to be one of Michigan's prospering communities.

Also, your reader's feeble attempt to discount my achievements also discredits the work of the City Council, department heads, and commissioners, as well as the many other hard-working City employees and volunteers who have given so much over the past three and a half years. Change is sometimes slow ... but, when it comes, people can recognize it.

Most importantly, I don't have to take credit for the work of others. Prior mayors have their accomplishments, and so do I. My list of achievements is too long to recite here, but does include new residential and commercial development; downtown revitalization; ridding our community of the eyesores of old, abandoned buildings; and building a new recreation center for Romulus families and a new senior citizens center for our older residents. These are all accomplishments of my first term of office, and ones in which I take a great deal of pride.

In November of 2001, the people of Romulus elected me their mayor because they wanted to see change – because our city needed a few changes. Now, I am working toward a new term where, in working with a majority of the City Council, we will be able to continue driving Romulus into the future.

As for the political rhetoric – well, this administration has more important things to do, and they involve the real work of taking care of the business of our city.

And, in any case, by the first Tuesday in November, the politics will take care of itself.

Thank you, Romulus, for your continued support.

Sincerely yours,

Mayor Alan R. Lambert
City of Romulus

Hauter Letter Disputed

To the Editor:

As president of RECAP (Romulus Environmentalists Care About People), I find that Todd Hauter's recent "Letter to the Editor" (*TRN*, May 6, 2005) contains some inaccurate information.

First, it should be noted that the Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) injection-well was a "hard sell" from all levels of government – local (Romulus City Hall), state (Michigan Department of Environmental Quality), and federal (Environmental Protection Agency). Remember: They wanted to issue the permits from the get-go.

The well issue did face opposition from leaders like former Governor John Engler and former MDEQ director Russ Harding. It pitted legislator against legislator, councilman against councilman, and – saddest of all – neighbor against neighbor, and led to threats of million-dollar lawsuits that could bankrupt the City. For a very long time, the well issue tore our community apart. Some believe it cost former Mayor Beverly McAnally her bid for reelection in 1995.

It was difficult, at times, to keep up the good fight. Fifteen years later, we are still facing the unknown, with more public hearings on the horizon. (The next one will be held at Romulus High School on Thursday, June 30, at 7 p.m. Hope to see you there.) Today, many people are as determined to fight the EDS injection well as they were when that first Romulus City Council resolution was passed on December 10, 1990.

Some chose to do nothing to oppose the well until it was politically correct to do so, or until they decided to seek public office, but Debbie Romak – who, in 1993, was just another concerned mother in our community – helped to co-found RECAP a full two years before eventually running for Romulus City Council in 1995.

Since her election 10 years ago, Councilwoman Romak has been the people's voice on many issues, and few have equaled her dedication to the citizens of Romulus. In the past 15 years, she has never missed a public hearing/meeting or court date about the EDS injection well. Before Councilwoman Romak was ever elected to office, she was the first to testify in the attempts to ban commercial hazardous injection wells in the State of Michigan. She helped to unite efforts with every environmental group in the state, even reaching out to other states that already lived the nightmare of hosting an injection well. She also worked with Dr. Bunyan Bryant (University of Michigan) to make a documentary on environmental justice, and filed two environmental justice complaints against the EPA.

With all due respect, Mr. Hauter, I ask you: How many letters have you

submitted to urge denial of the well? How many pages of testimony have you submitted? How many petition drives have you organized? How many protests have you attended?

And how active was Alan R. Lambert in the well fight *before* he ran for mayor, in the days when he was a Romulus police officer? One would think that the well would have been an issue of special concern to him, even then, considering that local policemen would be among the first responders if an accident or spill occurred. Yet, if my memory serves me correctly, his activity or visibility became apparent only *after* he announced his candidacy in 2001.

Whether you want to admit it or not, Mr. Hauter, Debbie Romak has been a good councilwoman. Maybe you are trying to discredit her achievements because you have your own political agenda (running for City Council this November). Yes, Debbie has been a well-deserved recipient of numerous environmental achievement awards for outstanding grassroots leadership in protecting Michigan's environment. She was the first recipient of the Petoskey Prize; was awarded a \$5,000 prize from the Michigan Environmental Council Ecology Center of Ann Arbor; and received the first South East Michigan Coalition on Occupational Safety and Health award for protecting working men and women outside the workplace. Councilwoman Romak has also received a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition – presented by former Congresswoman Lynn Rivers – for her outstanding and invaluable service to the City of Romulus, as well as a special tribute – presented by State Senator Raymond E. Basham – for her invaluable contributions to our city. It's too bad that her commitment to serving others intimidates you, Mr. Hauter – or maybe you are making your attacks because she is a candidate in the mayoral race.

You are right about one thing: everyone is entitled to his/her opinion (judgment, belief, notion, persuasion). I won't be so out of line as to tell you that your opinion is in error. I will politely tell you that I don't agree with the biased opinion that you have formed about Councilwoman Romak.

It is my opinion – and, obviously, the opinion of many others – that Councilwoman Romak has served our community with leadership, integrity, and accountability for 10 years. She has provided the needed checks and balances for good government.

It's too bad that you are trying to discredit a good city council member because she is a candidate in the mayoral race. Councilwoman Romak has been the people's voice for a long time; we can't afford to lose her.

Diane Sanchez, president
RECAP □

4th of July "Hometown Celebration" FIREWORKS SPONSORS

The City of Romulus would like to express its sincere thanks to the following local businesses for their generous sponsorship of its "4th of July Hometown Celebration" fireworks display.

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Clean Sweep 2005



An army of more than 70 volunteers – some of whom are pictured here – turned out to clean up litter and plant flowers during the city's annual Clean Sweep event, held May 21. Councilman LeRoy Burcroff (second from left) was, once again, among the chief organizers of the event.



Planting flowers in downtown Romulus were (from left) Betsey Krampitz, Lynn Conway, and Mayor Alan R. Lambert.



Also planting flowers in the downtown area were Sandra D. Rivers and her children, Allasia and Zacharial.

The Police Blotter

Thanks to Sergeant Bryan Cozzaglio for submitting the following summary of the Romulus Police Department's significant activity during the period of Monday, May 30, through Sunday, June 12, 2005. (Note: Information is presented in the following format: date, time, type of call, and general location.)

Monday, May 30

- 12:21 a.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 11100 Wayne)
- 1:29 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35400 N. Alexander)
- 2:47 a.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 11100 Wayne)
- 7:52 a.m. – Juvenile Complaint/Runaway (JC/R) (block of 30600 Redwood)
- 10:45 a.m. – Assault and Battery (A&B) (block of 15000 Mesa Way)
- 2:07 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 7040 El Paso)
- 3:59 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 11200 Delano)
- 8:55 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 35300 Ecorse)
- 9:06 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 35100 Lynn)
- 11:32 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 9790 Lisa)
- 11:35 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 6030 Second)
- 11:49 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35600 Garner)

Tuesday, May 31

- 12:12 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 36900 Porter)
- 6:13 a.m. – Threats (block of 36600 Goddard)
- 8:32 a.m. – Larceny (block of 28100 Northline)
- 8:47 a.m. – Larceny (block of 29800 Ecorse)

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- 9:20 a.m. – Breaking and Entering (B&E) (block of 11000 Wahrman)
- 11:08 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 9270 Middlebelt)
- 1:26 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 29400 Van Born)
- 1:52 p.m. – Drug-related Activity/Investigation (Violation of Public Health Code, or VPHC) (block of 37300 Wick)
- 2:04 p.m. – A&B (block of 28500 N. Maple)
- 2:45 p.m. – Larceny (block of 36600 Goddard)
- 8:19 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 36800 Goddard)
- 8:23 p.m. – JC/R (block of 30200 Cherry)
- 8:58 p.m. – B&E (block of 39200 Chase)
- 10:35 p.m. – Malicious Destruction of Property (MDOP) (block of 6190 Dexter)
- 11:22 p.m. – JC/R (block of 15600 Isabelle)

Wednesday, June 1

- 5:02 a.m. – Rescue (block of 35500 Margaret)
- 10:15 a.m. – MDOP (block of 6190 Dexter)
- 4:20 p.m. – Off-road Vehicle (ORV) Complaint (block of 16000 Meadow)
- 4:21 p.m. – Liquor Law Violation (block of 37300 Eureka)
- 6:21 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 6300 Hyde Park)
- 7:24 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 35000 Julie)
- 7:35 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 33700 Henry Ruff)
- 8:28 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 28000 Leroy)
- 11:06 p.m. – Larceny (block of 15000 I-275N)

Thursday, June 2

- 1:10 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 35400 Garner)
- 1:19 a.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 11100 Wayne)
- 6:56 a.m. – Dumping/Littering (block of 28700 Northline)
- 11:40 a.m. – B&E (block of 16500 Hannan)
- 3:02 p.m. – Larceny (block of 11000 Wahrman)
- 10:03 p.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 6300 Dexter)
- 10:36 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 6870 Niagara)
- 10:52 p.m. – Recovered Stolen Vehicle (Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile, or UDAA) (block of 9540 Biddle)

- 10:55 p.m. – Larceny (block of 30600 Flynn Dr.)
- 11:01 p.m. – Larceny (block of 8000 Merriman)
- 11:24 p.m. – Larceny (block of 35500 Margaret)

Friday, June 3

- 12:03 a.m. – MDOP (block of 34300 Lynn)
- 12:11 a.m. – UDAA (block of 27400 Ecorse)
- 3:59 a.m. – A&B (block of 39300 Ecorse)
- 7:56 a.m. – Larceny (block of 6770 Metroplex)
- 9:02 a.m. – Fight (block of 37300 Wick)
- 4:33 p.m. – Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL) (block of 10200 Tobine)
- 7:32 p.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 6930 Carson)
- 8:06 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 15000 Brandt)
- 8:26 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 36900 Goddard)
- 8:39 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 38400 Wabash)
- 10:00 p.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 15000 Plain Way)
- 10:46 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 11:24 p.m. – A&B (block of 35300 Michelle)
- 11:50 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 30500 Redwood)

Saturday, June 4

- 12:04 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15000 Pond Way)
- 12:06 a.m. – Threats (block of 6940 Canyon)
- 12:06 a.m. – Larceny (block of 30500 Flynn Dr.)
- 1:15 a.m. – A&B (block of 31200 Ecorse)
- 2:37 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 10000 Diane)
- 3:07 a.m. – OUIL (block of 17000 I-275N)
- 5:02 a.m. – B&E (block of 11100 Wayne)
- 5:28 a.m. – Larceny (block of 30600 Flynn Dr.)
- 6:04 a.m. – Larceny (block of 30300 Flynn Dr.)
- 10:10 a.m. – MDOP (block of 31700 Beverly)
- 11:26 a.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 15000 Knoll Way)
- 3:28 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 6200 Hyde Park)
- 5:02 p.m. – Shots Fired (block of 38500 Westvale)
- 5:54 p.m. – VPHC (block of 29400 Beverly)

- 6:02 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 37300 Wick)
- 6:06 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 38200 McDonald Dr.)
- 7:30 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 8500 Hannan)
- 7:36 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9520 Ozga)
- 7:41 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 38200 McDonald Dr.)
- 8:23 p.m. – OUIL (block of 27400 Pennsylvania)
- 10:34 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 7950 Cogswell)
- 11:01 p.m. – Fight (block of 16200 Oakbrook)
- 11:25 p.m. – Fight (block of 6230 Dexter)

Sunday, June 5

- 12:09 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6790 Merriman)
- 12:52 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 35400 Vinewood)
- 1:15 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 33900 Van Born)
- 1:34 a.m. – A&B (block of 15000 Brandt)
- 10:19 a.m. – UDAA (block of 8000 Merriman)
- 3:21 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 38400 Wabash)
- 5:05 p.m. – Threats (block of 6300 Dexter)
- 5:38 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15500 Meadow)
- 10:37 p.m. – A&B (block of 15700 Oakbrook)

Monday, June 6

- 3:17 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 15000 Plain Way)
- 4:23 a.m. – B&E (block of 6770 Metroplex)
- 10:14 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6940 Homefield)
- 12:29 p.m. – VPHC (block of 6360 Colorado)
- 2:49 p.m. – Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 4:11 p.m. – UDAA (block of 27400 Wick)
- 4:25 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 5:20 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 29200 Whisper Ct.)
- 8:17 p.m. – Fight (block of 9270 Middlebelt)
- 9:19 p.m. – Larceny (block of 15600 Meadow)
- 9:40 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 35400 N. Alexander)
- 11:35 p.m. – MDOP (block of 9330 Barry)

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West Named New Principal at Cory Elementary School

The Romulus Community Schools Board of Education has appointed Dorothy West as the new principal at Cory Elementary School. West – currently the learning specialist at Barth Elementary – will succeed Phyllis Adkins, who was recently named principal of Romulus Middle School.

West began her teaching career in 1970 as a kindergarten teacher at Meriman Elementary. From that time, she served the district as a lower-elementary teacher at Harrison, Barth, Wick, Beverly, and Mt. Pleasant schools before becoming Barth's learning specialist in 2002.

Principal West was active in a number of projects throughout her career, participating on the new technology, PEACE, district language-arts curriculum, and promotion and retention committees, as well as the school improvement team. She additionally authored a successful computer grant, mentored new teachers, and taught in the district's summer MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) Academy.

While at Wick Elementary, West gave the students in her first-grade classes a solid foundation that helped them achieve above-average results on their MEAP tests in reading and writing.



Dorothy West

And, West gained many impressive credentials during her service as the learning specialist at Barth, where she helped lead the school to the State of Michigan's Golden Apple and Blue Ribbon awards. She was also involved with Barth's award-winning "No Bullying" program. It was during her tenure that Barth became the first Romulus school to earn an "A" grade on the State of Michigan's annual report card.

Principal West, who grew up in Romulus, attended Beverly Elementary, the old Romulus Junior High, and Romulus High School. She is a graduate of Michigan State University. □

Henry Named New Assistant Principal at Middle School

The Romulus Community Schools Board of Education has appointed Rhonda Henry as the new assistant principal at Romulus Middle School. Henry – currently a social worker at Romulus High School – will succeed Christine Powers, who will be retiring from the district on June 30.

A graduate of the University of Michigan, Henry came to the Romulus Community Schools in 1999 after working for the Beacon Day Treatment Center, the Oakdale Recovery Center, and the Eisenhower Center in Ann Arbor. Since then, she has taken a proactive approach to her social-work duties at RHS, participating on the school improvement team, the climate committee, and the North Central Association team.

Assistant principal Henry also established numerous strong ties with community social agencies, and served as the district's coordinator for federal special-needs programs. She additionally worked on the RHS "Disability Awareness Week" programs, and made several very effective presentations at Romulus Board of Education meetings.

Henry formed many positive community relationships through her work as head coach of the RHS Lady Eagles



Rhonda Henry

basketball team. She led the team to three consecutive Mega White Division championships, and was selected Metro West Coach of the Year by *The Detroit News*. Her 2004 team won the school's first district championship in 20 years, and won its first-ever regional game before eventually losing in the regional finals.

Assistant principal Henry said she is looking forward to working with the school's new principal, Phyllis Adkins, to develop a variety of new programs for students next fall. □

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Ceremony Honors Adult & Community Education Grads

A large and enthusiastic crowd of family members, friends, and other well wishers attended the Romulus/Van Buren Adult & Community Education commencement, held in the Romulus High School Field House on June 9.

State Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood, keynote speaker for the event, joined Community, Career & Technical Education director William Musham and a number of Romulus and Van Buren school district officials to welcome those who attended the ceremony.

Congratulations to the following Adult & Community Education students.

Community High School Graduates

John Alexander, Thomas Bauer, Andre Brown, Tiffany Bruner, Charles Caldwell, Calvin Cannon, Jr., Matthew Carr, Hugh Chambers, Kevin Charles, Portia Coleman, Alvin Crutcher III, Taliesha Darby, Yolanda Davenport, Shawna Dietrick, Joseph Dupuie, Martino Fowler, Ciara Fowlkes, Ahmaad Gambles, Tara Gavin, Jason Gibes, Marvin Glasper II, Amanda Gondek, Melissa Grace, Tiana Harris, Sierra Hicks, Elyse Hooks, Samantha Hopson, Elizabeth Hysell, Anthony Ishmeal, Jr., Precious Jewell, Michael Johnson, Alisha Jones, Garrick Jordan, Jessica Kilgore, Daniel Kreutzer, Kenneth Lofton, Sharda Long, Justin Marion, Bianca Martinez, Myles McCloud, Stephen McCraight, Brittny McGee, Julian Mitchell, Alan Morris, Suzanne Nehila, Alanae Odom, Joseph Pettway, Alesha Pittman, Robert Plank, Noelle Polianchick, Alexander Porter, Milicka Porter, Angellica Pouncy, Bianca Price, Whitney Richardson, Ebony Riley, Patricia Robinson, Jessica Rodriguez, Jeffery Rose II, James Ross, Ivan Sanders, William Short, Willie Stubbs, Jennifer

Szwarc, Jacob Thacker, Steven Thomas, Iesha Thompson, LaVonnda Washington, Jijuan White, Rapheal White, Ebony Williams, Jonathon Wilson, DePaul Wood, Eric Wood, Audi Woods, Shantell Wynn, Nicole Wysner, and Bryan Young.

Adult Education Graduates – January

Krystal Adams, Amber Barbee, Anthony Bass, Michael Cloutier, Stephanie Cobb, Jennifer Farrell, Mihaela Gafencu, Carolyn Jackson, Jamal James, Leesa Morrow, Martin Redden, Lonny Smith, Christopher Sowers, Justin Spry, Patricia Tilicea, Meghan Travis, Mary Webb, and Julie Wohlfeil.

Adult Education Graduates – June

Mitchell Allen, Lynette Bailey, Cody Barbu, Kyle Burns, Jessica Case, Kiley Chamberlain, Justin Clelland, Jimmy Cichocki, Robert Cronkwhite, Cornelia Dalton-Roper, Kristopher Duprey, Rachael Farnstrom, Alondra Femster, Nathan Goodman, Eddie Harrison, Leon Isom III, Christian King, Jarred Marion, Ashley Morgan, Alan Patterson, Travis Patterson, LaTonya Robinson, Justin Rodabaugh, Steven Sarin, Coetta Taylor, Jonathan Thomas, Corey Tuddles, Charles Washington II, Henry Williams, Jr., and Adam Wolf.

GED Recipients

Ashley Bailey, Curtis Boyd, Helen Bullock, Rebecca Choate, Jimmy Cichocki, Jacquelin Dillon, Amanda Floyd, Jessica Hanna, Maria Hazelwood, Byron Henderson, Sevan Johnson, Troy McCarrary, Heather McMaster, David Ramsey, Jr., Diana Reynolds, Dennis Ritter, Angela Roberts, Crystal Schoolmaster, Robert Scott III, Brandon Slabaugh, Crystal Steffes, Jessica Strother, and Shannon Taylor.

For photos, see opposite page. □

Register Now for Youth Sports Camp

The Romulus Community Schools Athletics and Physical Education departments will host their first annual Romulus Youth Technique Sports Camp – open to students in grades 3–8 for the 2005/2006 school year – the week of Monday, June 20, through Friday, June 24.

The majority of the schedule will be spent on fundamentals and techniques; participants will also learn about the importance of attitude, discipline, work, pride, and team concept.

Morning sessions (10 a.m. to 12 p.m.) will feature girls' basketball (Monday), volleyball or baseball (Tuesday), tennis (Wednesday), lacrosse or softball (Thursday), and wrestling (Friday). Afternoon sessions (1 to 3 p.m.) will include boys' basketball or cheer-

leading (Monday), swimming or golf (Tuesday), track and cross-country (Wednesday), soccer (Thursday), and football (Friday).

All camps will be held at Romulus Middle School except for the swimming session, which will take place at Romulus High School.

Cost for the camp is \$5 per session or \$20 for the week. Register on the day of the camp between 9:30 and 10 a.m. for morning sessions or 12:30 to 1 p.m. for afternoon classes.

Note that transportation is not provided. Campers enrolled in both a.m. and p.m. sessions should bring a hearty lunch to carry them through the day.

For more information, please call 734-532-1122. □

Huron School District

Announces Limited "School of Choice" Vacancies for the Fall Semester of the 2005-2006 School Year
Open Enrollment until July 15, 2005

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ACADEMICS:

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- Reading Recovery for 1st Grade
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Cosmetology	Child Care Services	Construction/Building
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- Fine Arts Class in Junior High and High School
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- Drama Performance: Technical Theatre Program

ATHLETICS:

	Hockey	Swimming	Volleyball
	Football	Boys' Track	Softball
	Baseball	Wrestling	Girls' Golf
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8th Grade	8 Spaces Available

Huron High School (734) 782-1436

9th Grade	20 Spaces Available
10th Grade	12 Spaces Available
11th Grade	8 Spaces Available
12th Grade	5 Spaces Available

Miller Elementary School (734) 753-4421

1st Grade	5 Spaces Available
2nd Grade	10 Spaces Available
3rd Grade	3 Spaces Available
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- Must complete applications (available at every school)
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- Lottery drawing will be held if more applicants than spaces.

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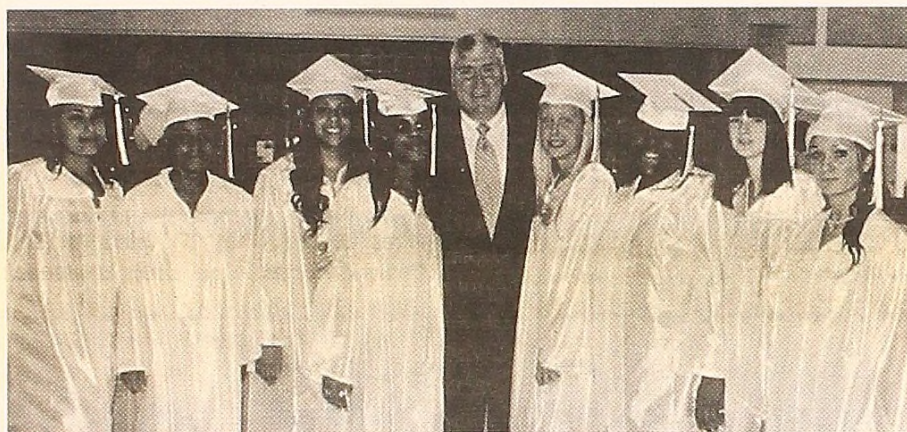
Adult/Community Ed



34th District Court Judge David M. Parrott (third from right) and Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert (third from left) joined Adult Education teacher Cheryl Pieszchala (fourth from right) to congratulate Adult Education graduates and GED recipients, including (from left) Kristopher Duprey, Dennis Ritter, Troy McCarary, David Ramsey, and Curtis Boyd.



Teachers Pamela Montoye (left), Beth Carlson (fourth from right), and Hildred Lewis (right) congratulated Adult Education graduates and GED recipients, including (from left) Krystal Adams, Lynette Bailey, Curtis Boyd, Angela Roberts, Helen Bullock, Anthony Bass, Stephanie Cobb, and Jimmy Cichocki.



Principal Al Wilkerson (center) congratulated some of the young ladies who received their Community High School diplomas. They included (from left) Bianca Martinez, Tiana Harris, Sierra Hicks, Elyse Hooks, Samantha Hopson, Precious Jewell, Elizabeth Hysell, and Melissa Grace.



Wilkerson (center) also congratulated some of his young men graduates, including (from left) Ahmaad Gambles, Kenneth Lofton, Justin Marion, Marvin Glasper, Martino Fowler, Daniel Kreutzer, Jason Gibes, and Michael Johnson.



Romulus and Van Buren school district officials who presided at the Adult and Community Education commencement included: (from left) front – Ralph Nodwell (vice-president, Van Buren Board of Education), Donald Foley (assistant principal, Romulus High School), April Frayer (vice-president, Romulus Board of Education), Cheryl Buckley (president, Romulus Board of Education), and Celeste Roscoe (secretary, Romulus Board of Education); back – Peter Lazaroff (superintendent, Van Buren Public Schools), Mark Woodson (director, Romulus Community Schools Department of Athletics), Joel R. Carr (superintendent, Romulus Community Schools), Betty Lenossi (trustee, Romulus Board of Education), Thomas Dolan (director, Romulus Community Schools Department of Curriculum), William Routhier (Director, Romulus Community Schools Department of Business and Operations), Kenneth Mientkiewicz (treasurer, Romulus Board of Education), and Thomas Kuderik (trustee, Romulus Board of Education).

The Police Blotter

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Tuesday, June 7

- 1:30 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 34400 Beverly)
- 5:48 a.m. – Threats (block of 9900 Harrison)
- 7:07 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 10300 Ozga)
- 12:02 p.m. – Wires Down (block of 33400 Wick)
- 12:47 p.m. – A&B (block of 6380 Cogswell)
- 1:34 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 6740 Merriman)
- 5:05 p.m. – UDAA (block of 8000 Merriman)
- 6:14 p.m. – MDOP (block of 28800 Highland)
- 7:22 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 36900 Goddard)
- 7:42 p.m. – B&E (block of 6200 Irma)
- 8:09 p.m. – Larceny (block of 15800 Ridgebrook Path)
- 10:45 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 27700 Eureka)

Wednesday, June 8

- 4:39 a.m. – Fireworks (block of 16700 Glasgow Ct.)
- 7:08 a.m. – Larceny (block of 6770 Metroplex)
- 9:33 a.m. – CSC (block of 15500 Meadow)
- 10:02 a.m. – A&B (block of 11100 Wayne)
- 10:06 a.m. – Harassment (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 11:55 a.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 5920 Metro)
- 2:37 p.m. – B&E (block of 12700 Harrison)
- 3:57 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 7130 Middlebelt)
- 4:12 p.m. – B&E (block of 15100 Inkster)
- 4:14 p.m. – MDOP (block of 28300 Beverly)
- 4:17 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 8:10 p.m. – UDAA (block of 6380 Inkster)
- 8:15 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 15500 Merriman)

Thursday, June 9

- 1:33 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 9000 Wickham)
- 2:00 a.m. – MDOP (block of 34500 Julie)
- 6:10 a.m. – MDOP (block of 9340 Chamberlain)
- 9:40 a.m. – B&E (block of 6970 Chippewa)
- 11:52 a.m. – Threats (block of 6770 Brandt)
- 2:59 p.m. – Larceny (block of 9030 Gabriel)
- 3:39 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 6770 Merriman)
- 6:13 p.m. – JC/R (block of 16200 Harrison)
- 7:06 p.m. – UDAA (block of 31000 Ecorse)

- 10:06 p.m. – Threats (block of 30200 Beverly)
- 11:05 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)

Friday, June 10

- 12:28 a.m. – Homicide (block of 15500 Oakbrook)
- 1:27 a.m. – OUIL (block of 9850 Harrison)
- 1:44 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 9190 Wickham)
- 2:23 a.m. – Death Investigation (block of 6360 Heyer)
- 3:45 a.m. – Rescue (block of 15700 Taft)
- 9:49 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 28400 Halecreek)
- 10:48 a.m. – Larceny (block of 8400 Wayne)
- 11:31 a.m. – Threats (block of 34500 Julie)
- 12:37 p.m. – MDOP (block of 15500 Oakbrook)
- 2:12 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 36900 Grant)
- 5:21 p.m. – Larceny (block of 16700 Inkster)
- 5:45 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 8600 Wickham)
- 8:26 p.m. – Rescue (block of 31400 Ecorse)
- 9:33 p.m. – Threats (block of 30200 Beverly)
- 11:37 p.m. – VPHC (block of 31400 Ecorse)

Saturday, June 11

- 1:03 a.m. – Larceny (block of 9090 Wickham)
- 1:28 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 9190 Wickham)
- 2:03 a.m. – Fight (block of 28800 Hildebrandt)
- 2:48 a.m. – Larceny (block of 8600 Wickham)
- 3:37 a.m. – OUIL (block of 36400 Pennsylvania)
- 10:50 a.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 6000 Fourth)
- 7:42 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 36800 Chase)
- 8:51 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 39100 Commons Dr.)

Sunday, June 12

- 4:22 p.m. – VPHC (block of 11200 Moore)
- 8:02 p.m. – JC/R (block of 16200 Harrison)
- 10:32 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 6300 Loraine)
- 11:31 p.m. – Family Trouble (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 11:38 p.m. – Larceny (block of 30600 Flynn Dr.)

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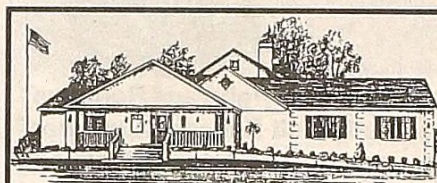
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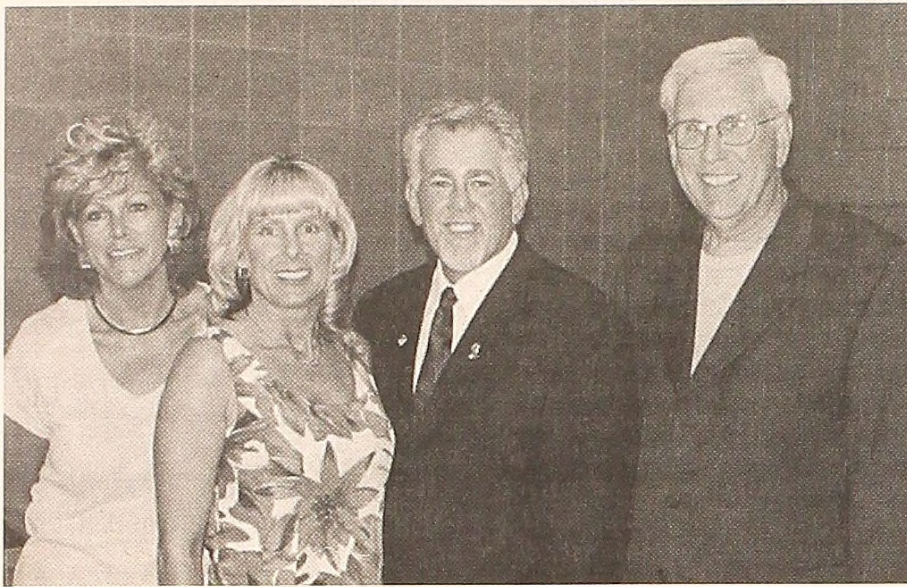
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RHS Prom Toast 2005



On hand to greet students and pass out hors d'oeuvres at Romulus High School's annual Prom Toast were Joel R. Carr (right), superintendent, Romulus Community Schools; Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert (second from right) and his fiancée, Diane Banks (second from left); and Betsey Krampitz, the mayor's executive assistant.



Also serving hors d'oeuvres at the Prom Toast were Ken Mientkiewicz (second from right), treasurer of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education, as well as Transportation Department staff members (from left) Betty Cantrell (supervisor), Sandy Tenney, Karen Kusibab, and Evelyn Koerber.



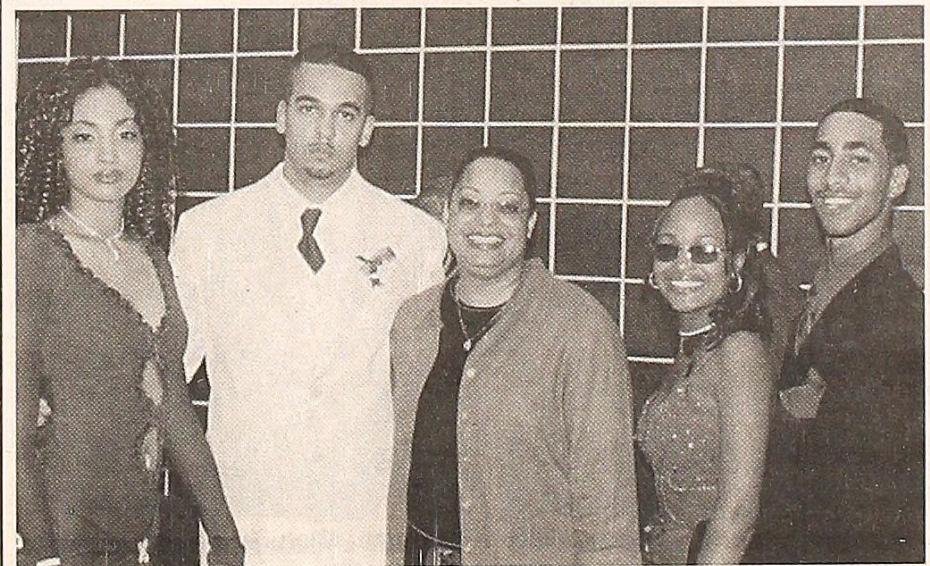
RHS seniors and their escorts attending the Prom Toast included: (from left) Jonathan McLachlan, Lindsay Sharp, James Blanton, Alicia Bracy, Jazmine Bennett, Ryan Witherow, LaShonda Windham, and Ryan Tackett.



Board president Cheryle Buckley (left), trustee Betty Lenossi (second from left), and trustee Tom Kuderik (third from right) greeted (from left) Mike Gotson, Nicole Goodman, Danielle Leader, and Matthew Nolf.



(From left) Shawnita Williams, Antoine Burrell, Eddie Northington, Alyse Jones, and Terri Willis-Burnell also attended the Prom Toast.



Board trustee Niema White (center) welcomed (from left) Ariande Quates, Jerret Smith, Tiffany Simmons, and Aron Spencer.

RHS Prom Toast 2005



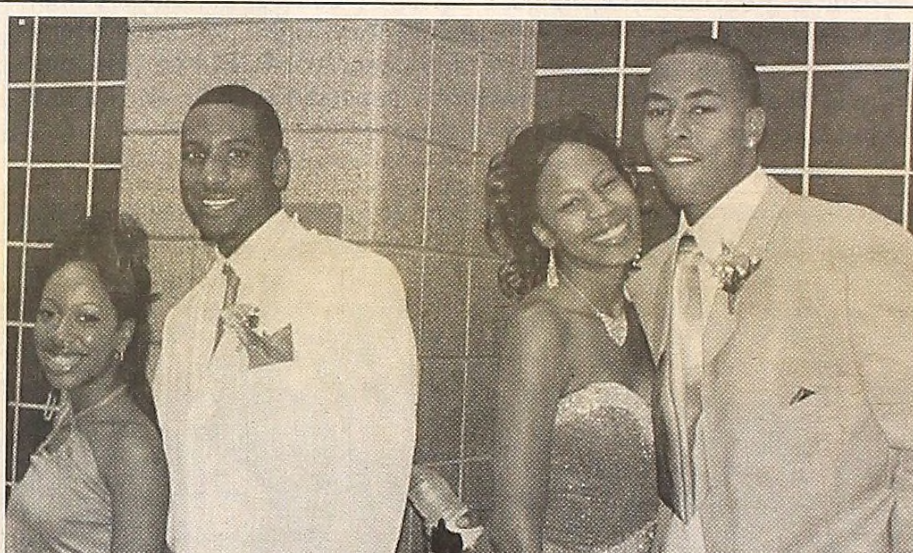
Also at the Prom Toast were: (from left) Justin Maupin, Jamie Suiter, Josh Shoemaker, Katie Hale, Sabrina Hool, and Philip Roscoe ...



... (from left) Eric Joplin, Nicole Brown, Jennifer Fulope, Adrian Watson, Genidia Moise, and Kevin Carter ...



... (from left) Jami Gibes, Sara Cholette, Sam Heitz, Emily Hornfeld, and Ashley Allen ...



... (from left) Adrienne Allen, Dwight Talley, Sarah Swain, and Barry Eberhart.



... (from left) Sandra Harris, William Williams, Michelle Patterson, and Brandon Johnson ...



... and (from left) Najla Muta, Dajuan Green, Rory Hogan, and Tranay Tanner.

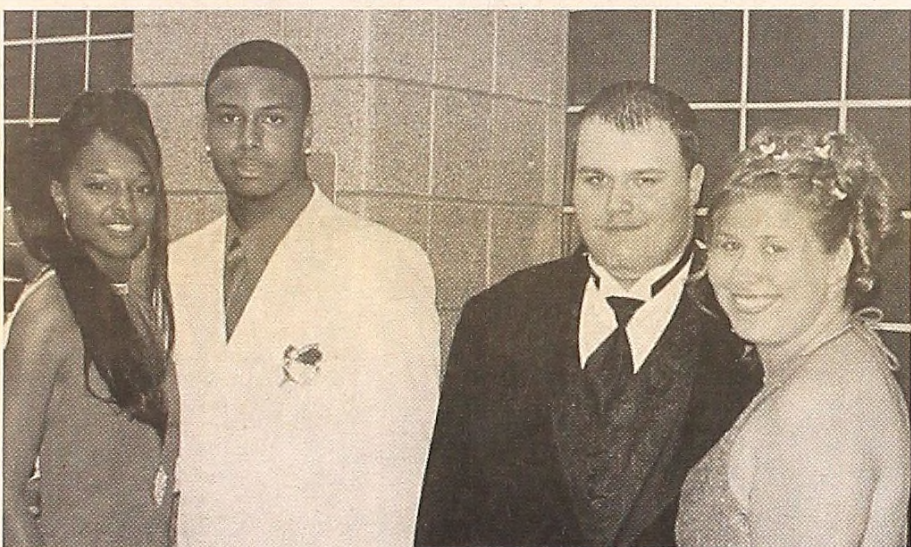
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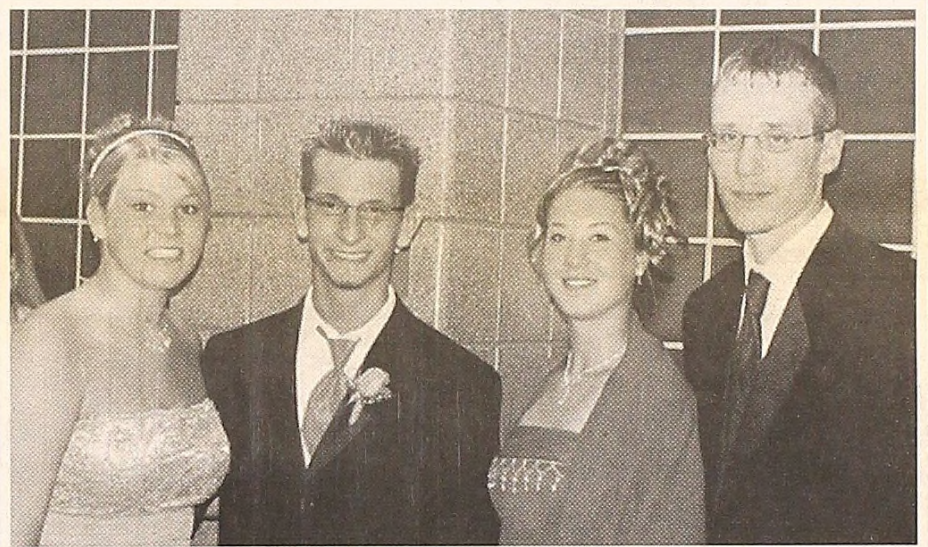
Also at the Prom Toast were: (from left) Joe Slotnick, Elizabeth Mongrain, Samantha Lipkowski, Aaron Stevens, Joann Tieppo, and Devin Pitz ...



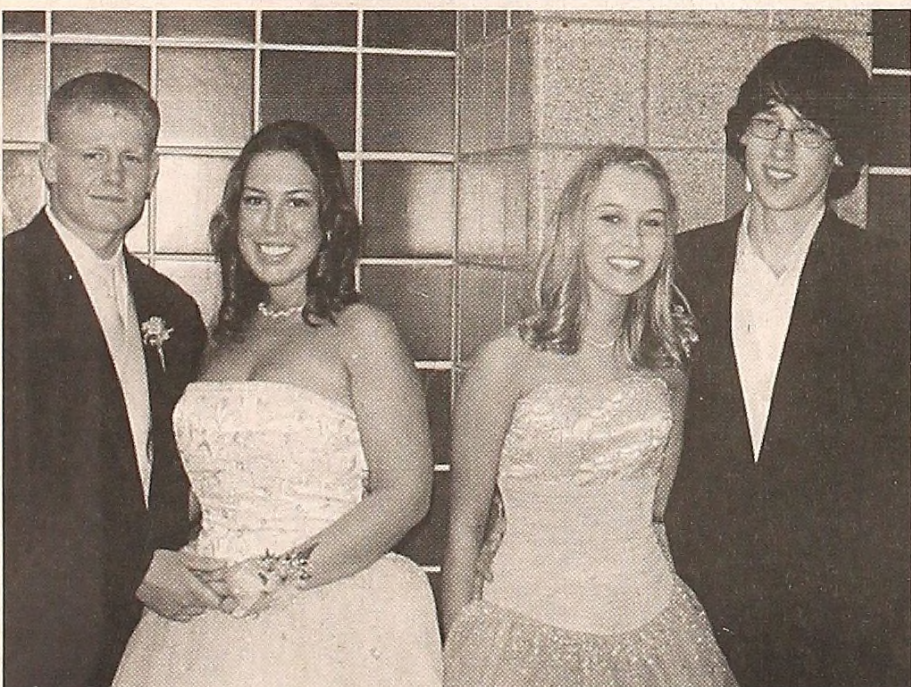
... (from left) Roderick Richardson, Carolyn Moore, Keith Haynes, Courtney Turner, Mallori Losacco, and Thomas Rutherford ...



... (from left) Janet Johnson, Maurio Clark, Stephen McCraight, and Britney Alley ...



... (from left) Vanessa Malloy, Michael Knight, Chelsea Smith, and Ronald Brown ...



... (from left) Walker Tomlinson, Kimberly Wilson, Kristen Atchley, and Christopher Kreutzer ...



... and (from left) Malcolm Rhodes, Tamra Cooper, Gerald Flint, and Kymmila Blalark.

Brown and Bennett Are Valedictorians of Romulus High School's Class of 2005

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from WSU, Brown was also offered more than \$100,000 in additional scholarships from University of Michigan–Dearborn, Eastern Michigan University, Kettering University, and Siena Heights University. He further distinguished himself by winning a \$500 Romulus Athletics Boosters scholarship, as well as a \$2,500 Michigan Merit Award (based on his score on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program, or MEAP) and a \$1,500 Michigan Competitive Award (based on his ACT score).

The son of Kenneth and Sherill Brown has a sister Tara, who is cur-

rently attending Wayne State University. His grandparents are Kenneth and Emma Brown and Mary Ann Geilow.

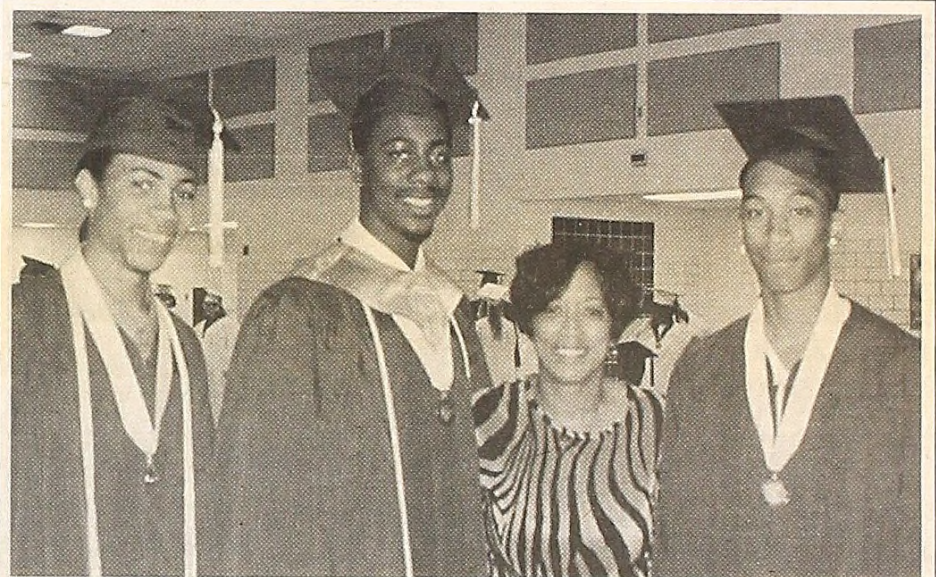
Bennett – who maintained a four-year GPA of 4.0319 – plans to study psychology at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Another student active in academic and extracurricular programs, she was a four-year member of the Symphonic Band and the number-one singles player on the Lady Eagles tennis team. She also served as vice-president of the National Honor Society, and was a Student Council member. At the annual RHS Senior Awards Night program, she received "outstanding student" recognitions in math, biology, psychology, French, and band.

In addition to a \$20,000 full-tuition scholarship that she received from Bowling Green, Bennett was offered scholarships totaling \$68,000 from Arizona State University and Northland State University in Wisconsin. She also won a \$1,000 scholarship from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, a \$500 Romulus Athletics Boosters scholarship, a \$2,500 Michigan Merit Award (based on her MEAP score), and a \$1,500 Michigan Competitive Award (based on her ACT score).

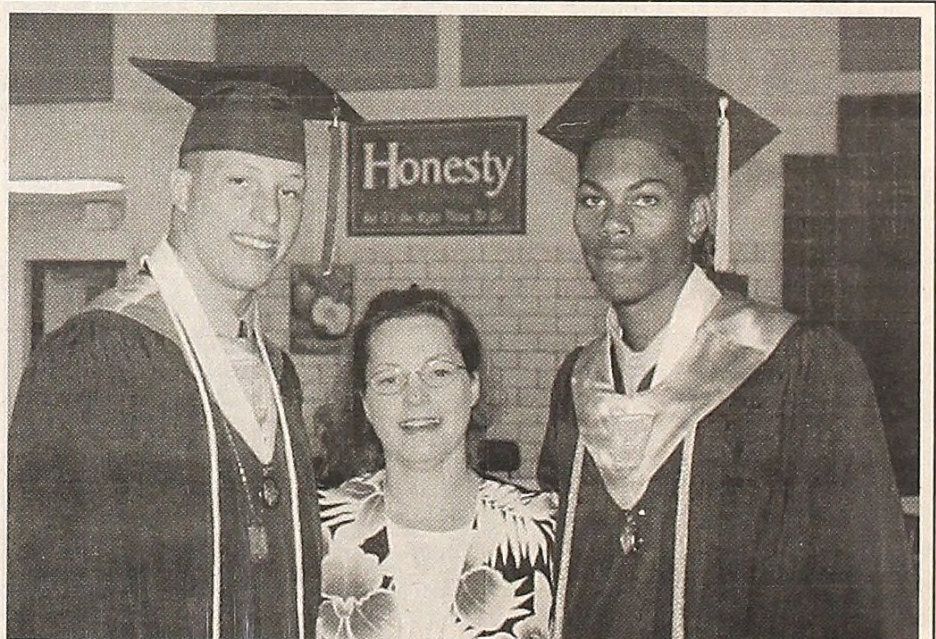
Bennett – the son of Dan and Starr Dailey Bennett – has a younger brother Derek. Her grandparents are Dagmar Bennett and Marie Dailey. □



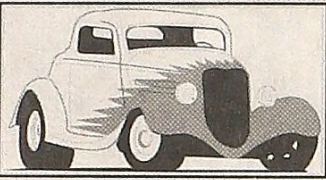
Romulus Community Schools officials who presided at commencement for Romulus High School's Class of 2005 included: (from left) front – Doug Hoffman (assistant principal, RHS), Carmen Lawes (class advisor), Jaime Nelson (class advisor), Cheryle Buckley (president, Board of Education), Celeste Roscoe (secretary, Board of Education), Kenneth Mientkiewicz (treasurer, Board of Education), William Routhier (director, Department of Business and Operations), and Donald Foley (assistant principal, RHS); back – Betty Lenossi (trustee, Board of Education), Joel R. Carr (superintendent), Thomas Kuderik (trustee, Board of Education), Thomas Dolan (director, Department of Curriculum), Edward Clark (director, Department of Human Resources), and Daniel Hurst (principal, RHS).



Cheryle Buckley (third from left), president of the Board of Education, congratulated Class of 2005 graduates (from left) Dante Williams, Avery Stephenson, and Brendon Glenn, whom she has known throughout their Romulus Community Schools education careers.



Celeste Roscoe (center), secretary of the Board of Education, congratulated her son Philip (left) and his fellow RHS graduate, Daniel Kinney, on a job well done.



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Halecreek Kindergartners Help Michigan Humane Society

Last fall, kindergarten classes at Halecreek Elementary adopted the Michigan Humane Society's Westland branch for a yearlong service project. The children planned to collect and donate pet foods and products needed for the care of animals at the shelter. They also established a "doggie bank" in their classroom for monetary donations.

In October, Ron Blauet, Education Department director for the Michigan Humane Society, visited Halecreek. He talked with the kindergartners about the care of pets, as well as pet owners' responsibilities toward their furry friends.

He also told the children about how the Humane Society cares for homeless animals and finds families for them.

In May, students took a field trip to the Humane Society's Westland branch. During their visit, they delivered the items that they collected for the shelter. The children got to see many of the cats, dogs, and bunnies available for adoption, and also visited the veterinary clinic.

Kindergarten teacher Cathy Kudra noted that this community-service project helped her students understand the importance of being caring citizens in their community. □



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Ron Blauet, Education Department director for the Michigan Humane Society, talked with Halecreek kindergartners like Penina Mitocariu and David Miller about caring for pets.



Blauet – pictured here with his dog Chips – thanked the students for their yearlong service project benefiting the Humane Society.

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Kindergartner Susan Rudd let Chips smell her hand before she gave him a treat.

RHS NHS Inducts 16 New Members; Honors 43 Others



National Honor Society honorees from Romulus Middle School included: (from left) Gary Nemeth, Ashlee Hood, David Forbush, Derek Bennett, and Jessica Sylvester. (Not pictured: Samantha Watson.)

The Romulus High School chapter of the National Honor Society recently inducted 16 new members at the group's annual induction ceremony, held in the RHS auditorium. Principal Dan Hurst and National Honor Society advisor Alberta Garrett welcomed family members and other well-wishers.

Among the program's highlights was NHS member Jessica Shelton's presentation about the National Honor Society's history. She noted that the organization requires community service, character, and leadership, along with excellent grades, for membership.

"Many people do not realize that there is more to an invitation to join the National Honor Society than just high grades," she explained.

NHS members Crystal Hahn and Shauntia Simon introduced honorary members from the sixth-grade classes at Barth, Cory, Halecreek, Merriman, Romulus Elementary, and Wick schools, and honorary eighth-grade members from Romulus Middle School. The NHS hopes that its recognition and encour-

agement of the district's finest young students will lead them to future membership in the organization.

NHS members who led the candle-lighting ceremony included LaShonda Windham, who spoke about the importance of good character; Ron Brown, who addressed the issue of leadership; Brytni White, who discussed scholarship; and Philip Roscoe, who stressed the importance of service.

Chapter president Chrystal Coleman and vice-president Jazmine Bennett introduced the inductees, noting the various extracurricular activities in which each new inductee participated and giving evidence of his/her character, leadership abilities, and community-service projects.

Parliamentarian Joann Tieppo led the inductees through the NHS "Pledge of Membership," and Janet Johnson concluded the program by leading them through the "Charge to Inductees," which enjoined them to bring honor to themselves, their school, and the community.

For more photos, see page 17. □



Romulus High School students who were inducted into the National Honor Society included: (from left) front - Jessica Mills, Ayibatari Burutolu, Shalayia Frye, Amna Sheikh, Jetaun Robinson, Theresa Windom, and Brittany Wright; back - Kevin Stobbe, Samantha Arnett-Butscher, Jessica Dick, Jennifer Dick, Erika Wasson, Yetunde Emanuel, Aurielle McCauley, and Joseph Kiesznowski. (Not pictured: Jason Britton.)

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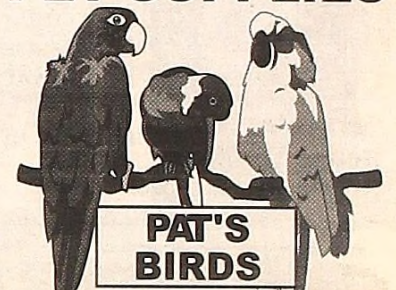
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Elementary Honorees



Barth Elementary's National Honor Society honorees were: (from left) front – Aprell Arthur, Haleigh Bavol, and Hailie Laginess; back – Caitlyn Britz, Jesse McGrane, Kelsey Sharrow, and Jennifer Sylvester.



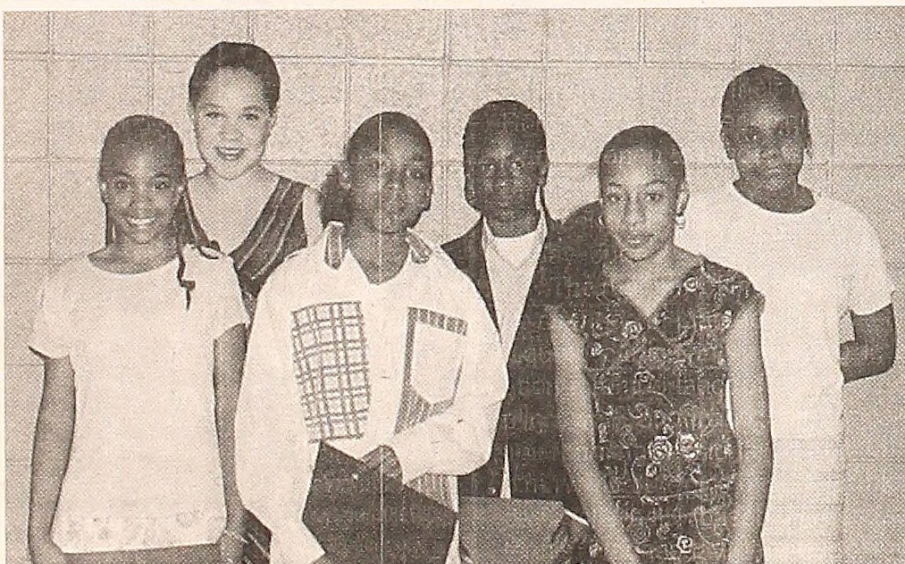
National Honor Society honorees from Cory Elementary were: (from left) front – Jonathon Stone, Briana Glenn, and DaJuan Partee; back – Dairrein Searcy, Bianca Robinson, and Brittany Glenn.



National Honor Society honorees from Halecreek Elementary were: (from left) front – Sarah Orr and Kyle Alongi; back – Rachel Stanley, Kelly McGlynn, Kirsty MacDonald, and Michael Helton.



Merriman Elementary's National Honor Society honorees were: (from left) front – Nan Sheikh, Lucas Molic, and Ryan Genigeski; back – Sarah Payne, Danielle Doyle, and Rion Bell.



Romulus Elementary's National Honor Society honorees were: (from left) front – Keli Boyd, James Boler, and Tyler Anderson; back – Brittany Francis, Daijon Frazier, and Victoria Johnson.



Among the National Honor Society honorees from Wick Elementary were: (from left) Eric Wands, Brianna Boyd, Loren Adams, and Monae Riley. (Not pictured: Carman Plank and Diamond Chandler.)

Community Calendar

- **Vacation Bible School** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) invites local youths to attend Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Monday, June 20, through Friday, June 24. For more information, call 734-753-9048.
- **Summer Reading at the Romulus Public Library** – The Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, south of Goddard) is hosting two summer programs to keep youngsters busy and entertained. The first – a preschool story-time program – is open to children ages 3 to 5. Parents may choose between the morning session (10:30 a.m. each Thursday from June 23 through July 28) and the evening session (7 p.m. each Tuesday from June 21 through July 26). The second program – called Dragon Dreams and Daring Deeds – will feature special weekly events as well as reading challenges and rewards for reaching various reading milestones. This program, which begins June 21, is open to children in preschool through sixth grade. Although both programs are free, preregistration is required. For more information, call the library: 734-942-7589.
- **Register Now for Senior Citizen Olympics** – Local seniors who would like to represent Romulus in the annual Downriver Senior Olympics – to be held in Woodhaven the week of August 1–5 – must register at the Romulus Senior Center's temporary location (Romulus Progressive Hall, 11580 Ozga) by Friday, June 24. Competition events include swimming, golf, softball throw, basketball shoot, soccer kick, tennis, bowling, bocce ball, shuffleboard, ring toss, frisbee toss, horseshoes, darts, billiards, bridge, euchre, and pinochle. For more information, call 734-941-6009.
- **Head Start Hosts Summer Screenings** – Romulus Head Start (located in the Burton Center at 35408 Beverly Road) has planned two summer screenings – one on Tuesday, June 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and one on Tuesday, August 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – for parents who want to enroll their preschoolers in the program. Parents of children who will be 3 years old on or before December 1, 2005, and who meet various other requirements (call 734-532-1900 for details), may register. During the screening program, children may also be checked for the following: height, weight, blood pressure, hemoglobin, lead, hearing, vision, and dental health; ESI testing may be done, as well. Note: The following materials should be brought to registration: the child's birth certificate, child's and parent's Social Security card, child's immunization records, parent's proof of residency (valid driver's license or state ID), family's health insurance card(s), and income proofs such as W-2 or 1040 forms or FIA/TANF breakdowns.
- **Mayor's Drug Task Force Schedules Golf Outing Fund-raiser** – The Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force – a nonprofit organization comprised of business and civic leaders working to prevent substance abuse – will hold its annual golf outing fund-raiser at Shady Hollow Golf Course on Friday, July 8. The 8 a.m. shotgun start will be followed by lunch at the turn and dinner after golfing. For more information, call Kristin Irwin at 734-941-8665.
- **Romulus Historical Society To Host Party in the Park** – The annual Historical Society event featuring music and refreshments will be held at Romulus Historic Park on Wednesday, July 13. Festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a dedication ceremony for the newly restored Wabash Freight Building. For more information, call Pearl Varner: 734-697-9628.
- **New Life Baptist Church Welcomes You!** – New Life Baptist Church invites the public to attend weekly worship services on Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds (10871 Quirk Road, Belleville). For more information, call Reverend Billy J. Hailes, pastor, at 734-697-4952, or send an e-mail to smmajcqi2002.
- **Open Arms Lutheran Church** – Open Arms Lutheran Church (7865 Belleville Road, Belleville) invites the public to worship at 10 a.m. each Sunday. For more information, call Reverend Jim Richter at 734-699-5000.
- **Kindergarten Enrollment Now Open** – Romulus Community Schools continues to accept enrollment for its all-day/every-day and half-day/every-day kindergarten programs for the 2005–2006 school year. Children who will be five years old as of December 1, 2005, are eligible. For more information, contact your neighborhood school.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 734-992-2052; or call 734-941-1907

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Reading Fair Aids Preschoolers



Early Childhood Committee members who organized the recent Preschool Reading Fair included: (from left) front – Shari Stewart, Sharman Spieser, Lisa Johnson, Mo Brennan, and Shelley Delano; back – Katie Brennan, Tonya Green, Sherry Jackson, Laura Smith, Cathy Kudra, Gurpreet Samra, and Lynne Mossoian.

Working together to sponsor a Preschool Reading Fair at the Romulus Public Library were the Romulus Community Schools, Family Resource Center, Great Parents/Great Start-Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency (RESA), and members of the library's staff.

Romulus families with preschool children were mailed invitation packets that contained a library card application, handouts about the importance of early reading development, and a brochure about the Romulus school district's preschool programs at the Burton Center.

"Over 100 Romulus residents attended the fair and received special items such as McDonald's Happy Meal certificates, coloring books, and reading books to take home," said event spokesperson Sharman Spieser, Adult Education/GED Completion coordinator for the Romulus Community Schools. "Attendees also received tape players, books on tape, and phonics radios, as well as overnight gift stays at area hotels, including the Romulus Marriott Courtyard, the Westin-Detroit, Double-

tree, Hampton Inn, and the Crowne Plaza."

Romulus firefighters were on hand to give out complementary fire hats and badges to the children, and offer tours of a fire truck and emergency vehicle. Participants also saw a video, produced by the Romulus Community Schools Early Childhood Committee, about the importance of reading to preschoolers.

Spieser, Romulus Elementary principal Lynne Mossoian, and Romulus kindergarten teachers Cathy Kudra, Mo Brennan, and Laura Smith were on hand to greet the guests, along with Romulus Board of Education vice-president/Early Childhood Committee member April Frayer.

Community dignitaries who read to the students included Board of Education president Cheryle Buckley, Board trustees Betty Lenossi and Tom Kuderik, Romulus Community Schools superintendent Joel R. Carr, 34th District Court Judges Tina Brooks-Green and David M. Parrott, State Senator Raymond E. Basham, and City of Romulus officials Tom Ellis, Joe Richardson, Karen Nightingale, and Alice Gilbert.



Among the guest readers welcomed by Romulus Board of Education vice-president April Frayer (second from left) were (from left) 34th District Court Judges David M. Parrott and Tina Brooks-Green and State Senator Raymond E. Basham.

RHS-GM Robotics Team Finishes 22nd at FIRST Nationals

The Romulus High School-General Motors Powertrain Robotics Team recently set an all-time program record by finishing 22nd at the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) national competition. The field of over 400 teams, including several international entries, competed in Atlanta, Georgia.

The RHS-GM robotics team started out the season with successful competitions at the Finger Lakes Regional (held in Rochester, New York), where the team tied for third place out of 48 teams, and the Eastern Michigan University Regional, where the team finished eighth out of 59 teams.

"We really had a special chemistry this year," said RHS robotics staff sponsor Jane Johnston, "and everybody put

in many, many hours to attain our 22nd-place finals ranking."

The robotics team had only six weeks to take several large boxes of metal, wires, and electrical motors, and use them to design and build a robot that would prove to be effective in this year's competition.

Kevin Gay, head engineer for GM Powertrain, explained, "I thought that it would be best to take one path, but the students convinced me and our helping engineers to try their approach. Their approach proved to be very effective throughout both the regional and national competitions."

Several of the top engineering staff members from GM Powertrain attended the recent Robotics Awards Ceremony.

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(From left) Parent boosters for the Romulus High School-GM Powertrain Robotics Team included Greg Sr. and Mary Cooper. Also pictured are students Greg Cooper, Jr. and Malcolm Scott.



Among those supporting the Robotics Team were (from left) Ron Hopson, Romulus Rotary Club member; Ken Mientkiewicz, treasurer, Romulus Community Schools Board of Education; Bill Musham, director, Romulus Adult and Community Education; and Andy Stewart, staff advisor.



Also enjoying the program were (from left) Bill Routhier, Business and Operations director, Romulus Community Schools; Cheryle Buckley, president, Romulus Board of Education; Betty Lenossi, trustee, Board of Education; and Dan Hurst, principal, Romulus High School.



Top GM Powertrain Engineering executives who helped the Robotics Team with over \$100,000 in support included (from left) Doug Mayo, Daryl Petricca, Ray Therault (engineering manager), Tim Slack (engineering director), and Lisa Mayo.



Also attending were (from left) Kevin Gay (GM Powertrain engineer/Robotics Team captain), his son Nick, Melanie Gay (GM engineer), Jonathan Wilkerson (2004 Romulus High School grad), Ed Omahan (GM engineering manager), and Gary Thomas (GM engineering manager).

RHS-GM Powertrain Engineering Robotics Team Finishes 22nd At FIRST Nationals

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Tim Slack, Engineering director, and Ray Therault, Engineering manager, were among those present for the annual event. Highlights of the program included recognition of the fact that GM Powertrain once again provided over \$100,000 in financial aid and engineering time to help the RHS-GM Robotics Team succeed.

Additional GM engineers who took part in the awards program included Doug Mayo, Daryl Petricca, Lisa Mayo, Melanie Gay, Ed Omahan, and Gary Thomas.

GM Powertrain's Kevin Gay gave an inspiring speech about how students can be successful in the engineering field.

"You need to realize that you are working for a corporation, and the corporation expects to make money from your work and expertise," said Gay. "This is a very competitive field, and you will have to be sharp to maintain your position."

RHS principal Dan Hurst congratulated everyone on a "job well done," and thanked the GM Powertrain executives for once again supporting the robotics team.

Hurst also thanked Romulus Rotary member Ron Hopson for the club's contribution to the robotics team's super season. □



The Romulus High School-General Motors Powertrain Robotics Team finished 22nd out of 400+ teams at the FIRST national finals in Atlanta. The 22nd-place finish was the highest ever achieved by the program at the national level. Pictured are: (from left) front – Amanda Collins, Kristine Plank, Kristina Reynolds, Jon Wilkerson, and Malcolm Rhodes; middle – Daryl Petricca (GM engineer), Lisa Warren, Andy Stewart (RHS staff), Cíeara Williams, Vaughn Liendo, Eric Poet, Elvis Celske, and Kevin Gay (GM engineer); back – Doug Mayo (GM engineer), Jane Johnston (staff sponsor), Vanessa Rhodes, Eric Joplin, Nick Gregg, Wallace Reynolds, and Josh Slaughter.

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For more information about senior programs - including trips, games, clubs, and various health and assistance resources - call the Romulus Senior Center at its new number: 734-941-6009. □

Recreation Programs

Keep kids busy and happy this summer by enrolling them in one or more of the following programs offered by the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation. For more information, stop in at the department's new office (35765 Northline, at Wayne Road) during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday), or call its new telephone number (734-941-8665).

Summer Dance Camp

The Romulus Recreation Department's Summer Dance Camp is a great opportunity for dancers to further their studies with professional instructors. Ballet, jazz, hip-hop, African dance, basic gymnastics, and pilates will be covered. The camp is open to resident and nonresident boys and girls who will be at least 6 years of age, but not older than 15, on July 18, 2005.

Students may bring a drink (but no food) to camp sessions. A drinking fountain will also be accessible.

Cost for the camp - which will meet at Romulus High School from 6 to 9 p.m. from Monday, July 18, through Friday, July 22 - is \$50 per student, and includes a T-shirt and pizza party. Note that students who present behavior problems will be dismissed without a refund.

Registration deadline is 5 p.m. on Friday, July 15, or when space is full.

Summer Youth Program

Boys and girls who will be in grades kindergarten through six in the fall of 2005 are invited to participate in the Summer Youth Program, which will be held at Cory, Halecreek, Romulus Elementary, and Mt. Pleasant schools. (Parents may choose their preferred site, on a space-available basis, at the time of registration.) The program will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Monday through Thursday (with optional Friday trips for an additional fee) from June 27 through August 4. An end-of-summer picnic at Elmer Johnson Park will wrap up the program on Friday, August 5.

Participants will enjoy games, sports, arts & crafts, videos, free play, and scholastic exercises, among other activities. For an additional fee, youngsters may also participate in optional swimming sessions (to be announced). Children who wish to take part in the optional Friday trips (set for July 8, 15, 22, and 29; destinations to be determined) will be required to wear a designated shirt that may be purchased from the Recreation Department for \$5.

Cost for Romulus residents (proof required) is \$75 per child, \$140 for two immediate family members, or \$205 for three; nonresidents pay \$95 per child, \$180 for two immediately family members, or \$265 for three. Space is limited; register early.

Note that lunch *may* be provided by the Wayne County Summer Food Program. Eligibility for the program will not be determined until after registration concludes. Unless informed otherwise, parents should assume that a bag lunch will need to be packed. Parents must provide morning and afternoon snacks for their child(ren), as well.

Note also that transportation to and from the recreation sites is *not* provided except as part of the latchkey program, which will be offered (at a site to be determined) for an additional lump-sum cost of \$120 per child for the session (equals \$5 per day). Latchkey participants may be dropped off beginning at 7:30 a.m., and must be picked up by 6 p.m. Parents of latchkey students must provide morning and afternoon snacks.

Summer Middle School Program

Boys and girls who will be in grades seven through nine in the fall of 2005 are invited to register for the Summer Middle School Program, to be held each Monday through Wednesday (with optional Thursday trips for an additional fee) at various locations from Tuesday, July 5, through Thursday, August 4. An end-of-summer picnic at Elmer Johnson Park will wrap things up on Friday, August 5.

All activities will begin and end at the Recreation Department's new office. Participants must arrive by 10 a.m. and be picked up by 4 p.m.

Regular programs will include:

- activities (softball, volleyball, basketball, games, crafts, and music) at Elmer Johnson Park - July 11, July 18, July 25, and August 1
 - activities at Elmer Johnson Park, followed by a trip to Westland Skateland (optional \$5 fee for those who want to rent roller-blades) - July 6 and July 20
 - swimming at Romulus High School, followed by activities at Elmer Johnson Park - August 2
 - swimming at Lower Huron Metropark (\$5.00 locker fee) - July 5, July 12, July 19, July 26, and August 3
 - bowling - July 13 and July 27
- Thursday programs will include:
- Laser Quest - July 7
 - lunch and a movie at the Star Theatre in Taylor - July 14
 - Rolling Hills Water Park - July 21
 - Whirlyball - July 28
 - Taylor Sportsplex - August 4

Note that some activities may be canceled due to inclement weather. Note also that no food or beverages will be provided; parents should pack a sack lunch, drinks, and snacks each day.

Cost for the regular program is \$60 for Romulus residents (proof required); \$90 for nonresidents. Space is limited; register early. □



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REGULAR MEETING, MAY 23, 2005

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, May 23, 2005, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Cheryl Buckley.

Roll call showed members Buckley, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Betty Lenossi, Niema White, and Thomas Kuderik present. Member April Frayer was excused. Administrators present were: Joel R. Carr, Superintendent; William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations; Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources; and Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Buckley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

5/05/13 Moved by White supported by Mientkiewicz to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

5/05/14 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by White to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 9, 2005, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT: Rhonda McAllister-Henry, Assistant Principal of Romulus Middle School, effective August 15, 2005.

5/05/15 Moved by White supported by Mientkiewicz that the Board of Education accept the employment of Rhonda McAllister-Henry as Assistant Principal of Romulus Middle School for a 205-day contract, effective August 15, 2005. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT: Dorothy West, Principal, Cory Elementary School, effective August 8, 2005.

5/05/16 Moved by Lenossi supported by White that the Board of Education accept the employment of Dorothy West as Principal of Cory Elementary School for a 210-day contract, effective August 8, 2005. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

FYI - EMPLOYMENT: Barbara Fabinski, Bus Aide, Transportation, effective April 29, 1005; and Brittney Green, Latchkey/Child Care Giver, Romulus Elementary School and My Friends & Me, effective May 16, 2005.

RESIGNATION: Rebecca Young, 8th-grade Mathematics Teacher, Romulus Middle School, effective June 17, 2005.

5/05/17 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Roscoe to accept the resignation of personnel as submitted. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

FYI - RESIGNATION: Kevin McAllister, JV Girls' Basketball Coach, effective May 19, 2005.

Bills for Payment

5/05/18 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Kuderik to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Ratification of Local 64 Contract

5/05/19 Moved by Lenossi supported by White to accept the recommendation of Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, and approve a new collective bargaining agreement with Local 64, Council 25, AFSCME for 2005-2006 and 2006-2007. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Presentation - Community High School

Mr. Bill Musham, Director of Adult Education, and Mr. Al Wilkerson, Principal of Community High School and Alternative Middle School, appeared before the Board of Education to outline activities and goals for the 2004-2005 school year.

Wayne County RESA Resolution - Election Representative

5/05/20 Moved by White supported by Kuderik that the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution to appoint Ken Mientkiewicz as representative and Betty Lenossi as

alternate to cast the Romulus ballot at the June 6, 2005 Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency election. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RESA Budget Resolution

5/05/21 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Kuderik that the Board of Education adopt the attached budget resolution for the 2005-2006 Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency Operating Budget. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications from the public.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following Items of Interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Communication from Sheila Stasak; 2) Tri-County Alliance - Guide to Legislation 2005-2006; 3) Certificate of Recognition - RHS Girls' Basketball Team - City of Romulus Resolution (Coach Rhonda Henry and students were presented with a resolution from the City of Romulus by President Cheryl Buckley and Board members); 4) Certificate of Recognition - RHS Boys' Basketball Team - City of Romulus Resolution (Coach Nate Oats and students were presented with a resolution from the City of Romulus by Secretary Celeste Roscoe and Board members); 5) Barth PTC News; and 6) Wick Elementary School Newsletter.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz reviewed the Legislative Update about Senate and House bills for the Board, and made comments regarding different bills already passed (HB 4142 and HB 4274). He also congratulated students and teachers at the elementary schools for Track & Field Day. Mr. Mientkiewicz further reported on the Romulus-Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency meeting that he attended, and also commented on the condition of the Middle School baseball field.

Mrs. Betty Lenossi congratulated Barth Elementary on its Blue Ribbon Award ceremony.

Mrs. Niema White congratulated Mr. Mark Woodson, Director of Athletics, on the great athletics banquet.

Mr. Thomas Kuderik stated that the Blue Ribbon ceremony at Barth Elementary was great. He also stated that the Technology Department did a good job on the videos. Mr. Kuderik further stated that Romulus High School's Senior Awards Night program was great, and that the Culinary Arts Department prepared terrific food for the event.

Mrs. Celeste Roscoe extended a special thank-you to Messrs. Steven Mientkiewicz, Steven Harper, and Edward Horn for the great video.

Mrs. Niema White stated that Romulus Elementary had a great family fair.

Mrs. Cheryl Buckley commented that all schools are doing a great job with all the different events.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL/NEGOTIATIONS:

5/05/22 Moved by White supported by Kuderik to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and negotiations. Roll call vote: Kuderik, Lenossi, Mientkiewicz, White, Roscoe, and Buckley. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

5/05/23 Moved by Lenossi supported by Kuderik to reconvene in Regular Session. Roll call vote: Kuderik, Lenossi, Mientkiewicz, White, Roscoe, and Buckley. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Regular Session at 7:46 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

5/05/24 Moved by White supported by Kuderik that the Meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Roscoe, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education

Obituaries

Susan F. DeMara

Susan F. DeMara of Wayne, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, June 11, 2005, at the age of 79.

Susan was born to Fred W. and Inez (Clark) Rowlander on Sunday, November 22, 1925, in Jonesville, Michigan. The former resident of Belleville, Michigan, worked for the University of Michigan's Environmental Research Institute for more than 15 years, and volunteered at Annapolis Hospital (Wayne, MI) and the Belleville Area Historical Museum. She was a member of St. John's Church (Westland, MI) and a former member of Trinity Episcopal Church (Belleville), where she played the organ for many years. She enjoyed knitting, loved to shop, and was a very social person.

Surviving Susan are 2 sons, John R. (Marikay) DeMara (Westland) and

Mark T. (Lisa) DeMara (Romulus, MI); a sister, Helen Beach (North Adams, MI); 6 grandchildren, Christopher Kellner and Jeffrey, Kevin, Chad, Brett, and Kristin DeMara; and 1 great-grandson, Brian Newsom, Jr.

Among those who predeceased her were her parents; her husband, John S. "Jack" DeMara (who passed away on May 27, 2001); a daughter, Cynthia Ann DeMara (who passed away in 1966); her twin sister, Frances Maund, and another sister, Norma Jean Boden.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, June 14, at David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville), with Father Arthur R. Mack officiating. Cremains were interred at Hillside Cemetery (Belleville). Memorial tributes to the Michigan Humane Society would be appreciated by the DeMara family.

Janet D. Hull

Janet D. Hull of Inkster, Michigan, passed away on Friday, June 10, 2005, at the age of 73.

Janet was born to Guy M. and Louise (Staebler) Whittaker on Saturday, September 12, 1931, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The former resident of Belleville, Michigan, gave 25 years of loyal service to the Ford Motor Company's Rawsonville Plant before retiring in 1975. Janet was an avid sports fan, especially of her home teams, and enjoyed reading.

Janet's survivors include 2 children, Guy (Debra) Hilden (Belleville) and Mary (Robert) Browning (Romulus, MI); 7 grandchildren, Denise,

Barbara, Edward, Suzanne, Joshua, Christopher, and Teresa; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Among those who predeceased her were her parents; a son, William Hilden, Jr. (who died in infancy in 1958); and her best friend, Marge Sheedy (who passed away on September 13, 1996).

A funeral service was held on Sunday, June 12, at David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville), with Chaplain Fred Cislo, Jr., officiating. Cremation rites will be accorded. Memorial tributes to the Penrickton Center for the Blind would be appreciated by the Hull family.

Edward S. Kobylasz

Edward S. Kobylasz of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, June 4, 2005, at the age of 90.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, on Sunday, June 7, 1914, Edward enjoyed baseball and wrestling, watching TV, tinkering with cars, and puttering around the house.

He is survived by 2 daughters, Jean (William) Wadsworth (Romulus) and Patricia Arsenault (Taylor, MI); a brother, Zigmund Kobylasz (Dearborn Heights, MI); 5 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Among those who predeceased him were his wife Mildred (who passed away in 1998) and 2 sisters, Emily Matthews and Lillian Smiegel.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, June 7, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus), with Father Raymond Lucasinsky (Marion Hill Missionaries, Dearborn Heights) officiating. Interment was at St. Hedwig Cemetery (Dearborn Heights). Memorial tributes to any charitable organization would be appreciated by the Kobylasz family. □

The Stork Arrived

Shane Adam McLaughlin

Nicholas and Nicole McLaughlin of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new son, Shane Adam McLaughlin.

Shane was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 10:51 a.m. on Friday, November 12, 2004, weighing in at 7 lbs., 12 oz., and measuring 21½ in.

Among those giving the new arrival a warm welcome into the family were his paternal grandparents, Scott and Tracey McLaughlin, and his maternal grandparents, Ronald Abbott and Karen Grishaber (all of Romulus).



Shane Adam McLaughlin

Hunter Keith Mullinex



Hunter Keith Mullinex

Proudly announcing the birth of their new son, Hunter Keith Mullinex, are Keith Mullinex and Karen Grishaber of Romulus, Michigan.

Hunter was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 7:04 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2005, weighing in at 9 lbs., 0 oz., and measuring 22½ in.

Among those giving the new arrival a warm welcome into the family were his siblings – Nicole Abbott, Joseph Abbott, Michael Mullinex, and Shannon Mullinex. Also welcoming Hunter were his paternal grandmother, Alvia Mullinex (Canton, MI), and his maternal grandparents, John and Norma Grishaber (Romulus).

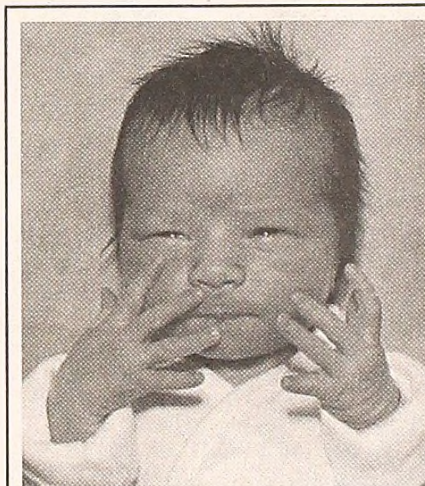
William Michael Wadsworth II

William and Jamie Wadsworth of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new son, William Michael Wadsworth II.

William was born in Wyandotte Hospital at 2:45 a.m. on Sunday, May 8, 2005, weighing in at 8 lbs., 15 oz., and measuring 22 in. He was baptized in St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus) on Sunday, June 12.

Especially excited about the new arrival were his big sister, Elizabeth, and his cousins, Sarah and Andrew Wadsworth (Romulus).

Also giving Michael a warm and loving welcome into the family were his paternal grandparents, Bill and Jean Wadsworth (Romulus), as well as his maternal grandparents, Joseph Deaunee



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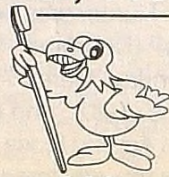
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